

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application.

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to universal polypeptidic carrier;

Group II, claims 9-18, drawn to polynucleotide;

Group III, claims 19-22, drawn to methods for delivering a sequence or expression vector; and

Group IV, claims 23 and 24, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group 1, claims 1-8.

The Examiner should examine the inventions of Group III and Group IV together with the invention of elected Group I at the same time. For example, each of these Groups utilize a common technical feature, that is, the polypeptidic carrier of claim 1. Specifically, the composition of Group IV utilizes the polypeptidic carrier of claim 1, as does the method of Group III. Moreover, the method claims of Group III should at the very least be rejoined in accordance with MPEP 821.04. Finally, the Examiner has not

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established that there is an undue burden in considering Groups I, III and IV at the same time. Accordingly, the requirement for restriction should be withdrawn by the Examiner.

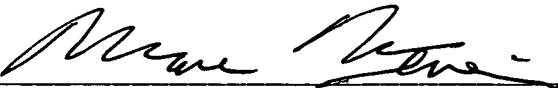
Applicant reserves the right of filing a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention at a later stage

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, PhD. at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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